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SUBJECT: WAGE FREEZE TO END IN OCTOBER

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1. THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, LT. COL. MARIO VARGAS, ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 10 THAT THE FREEZE ON WAGES WOULD END IN OCTOBER AND THAT WORKERS WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WAGE INCREASES DIRECTLY WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS. THE WAGE FREEZE HAD BEEN DECREED IN OCTOBER 1973 AS PART OF AN ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE.

2. DR. RAMON VERA, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SALARY COUNCIL, INFORMED THE PRESS THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD NOT INTERVENE IN THE WAGE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND LABOR BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE NEGOTIATORS WITH RELEVANT DATA TO HELP ORIENT THE BARGAINING.

3. THE PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11 REPORTED NEGATIVE REACTIONS TO THE PROSPECTS FOR DIRECT BARGAINING ON THE PART OF BOTH LABOR AND MANAGEMENT. LABOR SPOKESMEN RECALLED THAT LAST YEAR'S DIRECT BARGAINING PRODUCED SMALL WAGE GAINS. THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY EXPRESSED FEARS OVER POSSIBLE INFLATIONARY DEMANDS BY LABOR AND REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ON THE EXACT DATE CURRENT WAGE CONTRACTS EXPIRE SINCE NOT ALL CONTRACTS NEGOTIATED IN ACCORD WITH THE DECREE OF LAST

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OCTOBER WERE SIGNED IN THAT MONTH.

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